

Agenda Item 8: 2017 Application Cycle

a. Authorization for Technical Review

This Trust Board gives staff the authority to seek technical reviews for the 2017 grant applications from those persons who have participated in the technical review process in past years, and from persons showing an interest to participate this year.

Possible Action: A motion to authorize staff to seek technical reviews as appropriate for 2017 grant applications.

b. Point Allocation for Geographical Location

The Trust Board has the option to award additional points to applications based on geographic location to achieve distribution equity across the state. See the chart on page 8-2 and enclosed map on page 8-3 showing funding distribution from 1994-2016.

Staff recommends awarding 20 points to District 6 for geographic location in the 2017 application cycle.

Possible Action: A motion to approve staff recommendations, modify & approve or deny recommendations.

Board Authority:

Neb Rev Stat 81-15,173 Board; powers and duties.

The board shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties:

- (5) Establish ad hoc advisory boards and subcommittees.

Title 137, Chapter 1, Section 002. Scope of other Trust Board activities.

...The Trust Board may establish subcommittees, request or contract for assistance, or establish advisory groups to evaluate the economic, financial and technical feasibility of proposals.

Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 1.

Ad-hoc advisory boards and subcommittees may be established by action of the board. The chairperson shall appoint all chairpersons and other members of such boards and subcommittees and shall be an ex-officio member of all such boards and committees.

Neb Rev Stat 81-15, 175 Fund allocations; board; powers and duties.

(2) The board shall establish a rating system for ranking proposals which meet the board's environmental priorities and other criteria. The rating system shall include, but not be limited to, the following considerations...

- (d) Geographic mix of projects over time

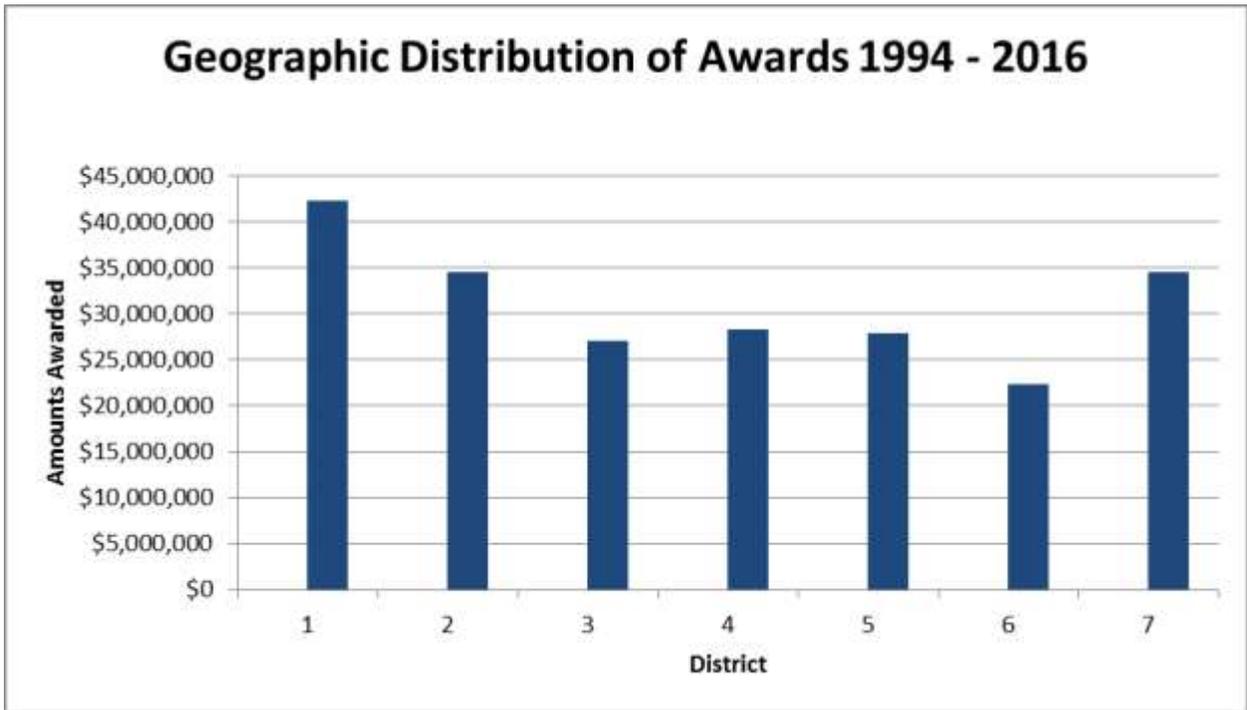
Title 137, Chapter 7, Ranking Eligible Projects for Funding

003. Ranking Factors. The Project Ranking System shall assign a numeric value to each criterion and combine these values into a total score for each application. Scores shall be assigned to each project to the extent that the project will accomplish the following:

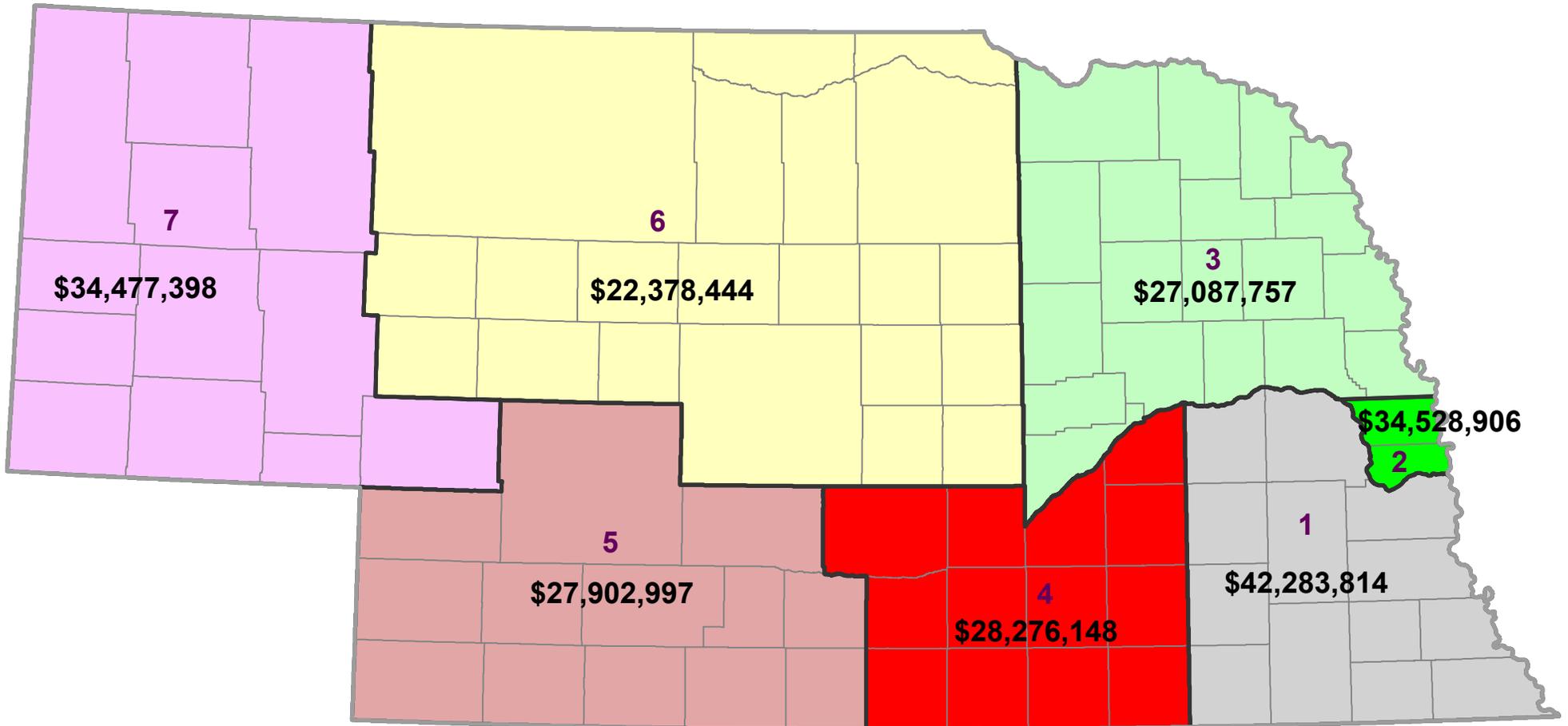
003.05 Help the Trust Board attain a geographic mix of projects over time. This does not mean that a strict geographic mix will be sought during each funding cycle but that points may be awarded to projects in specific areas if it becomes apparent that the area is receiving funding for proportionately fewer projects than other areas of the state.

Geographic Distribution of Awards (1994 – 2016)

District #	Awards	Percentage
1	\$42,283,814	19.5%
2	\$34,528,906	15.9%
3	\$27,087,757	12.5%
4	\$28,276,148	13.0%
5	\$27,902,997	12.9%
6	\$22,378,444	10.3%
7	\$34,477,398	15.9%
Total Awarded	\$216,935,464	



Geographic Distribution of Awards (1994 - 2016) Nebraska Environmental Trust



1994-2015 Awards

2016 Awards

Grey	\$39,105,371	\$3,178,443
Green	\$31,666,351	\$2,862,555
Light Green	\$25,161,570	\$1,926,187
Red	\$26,148,101	\$2,128,047
Brown	\$25,772,368	\$2,130,629
Yellow	\$20,328,660	\$2,049,784
Purple	\$32,431,630	\$2,045,767
Statewide	\$56,195,243	\$2,478,487

Figures on the map represent geographic area award totals for 1994 - 2016: \$216,935,464

Awards with Statewide Benefits for 1994-2016 (not included in map figures): \$58,673,730

Total Amount Awarded
1994 - 2016: \$275,609,194



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